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Workers' Compensation Legal Specialization Boot Camp 2011

JULY 16-17, 2011

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JULY 30-31, 2011

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Concord Hilton
1970 Diamond Boulevard
Concord, CA 94520
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Register Online: workerscomp.calbar.ca.gov

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Whether you are looking to pass the Legal Specialization Exam on October 25, looking for new clients or just sprucing up your resume - this Boot Camp will help hone your Black Letter (WC) Law skills making you a better, more marketable, lawyer.

SATURDAY

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Registration

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Panel 1

Medical Treatment: All aspects of medical treatment issues will be addressed, including medical treatment guideline, determination of medical issues, and the AME/QME process.

Speakers: Ben Helfman, Esq.
Jake Jacobsmeyer, Esq.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Panel 2

Disability Evaluation: Panelists will provide an in-depth discussion of the practical mechanics of rating permanent disability, including recent developments pertaining to apportionment and Benson, rating instructions, use and rebuttal of AMA Guides, GAF and analysis of the recent en banc decisions in Almaraz/Guzman, Ogilvie and Blackledge.

Speakers: Ray Frost, Esq. – Speaking in Concord
Michael Ozurovich, Esq. – Speaking in Los Angeles
Jay Shergil, Esq. – Speaking in both locations

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel 3

Claim Evaluation: A back to the basics overview of the workers' compensation claim evaluation system including remedies, defenses, limitations, AOE/COE, jurisdiction, exclusive remedy, presumptions, L&H, Jones Act, employment (general v. special), employee v. independent contractor status (Borello) and other related civil remedies.

Speakers: WCJ Janet Coulter
Kenny Sheppard, Esq.
Yvonne Lang, Esq.

12:15 AM - 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Panel 4

Types of Benefits, Liens & Coverage: The interplay between types of benefits (such as temporary disability, death benefits, etc.) and issues relating to insurance coverage are the focus of this session. Other issues will include third party credit. Subsequent Insurance Fund (SIF), Uninsured Employers Benefit Trust Fund (UEBTF), Death Without Dependents Unit (DWCU), contribution, subrogation and lien claims.

Speakers: Barry Lesch, Esq.
Skip Blas, Esq.

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel 5

Returning to Work (RTW) issues: This session will focus on the latest developments in return to work issues, and Supplemental Job Displacement Benefits.

Speakers: Irene Bowdry, Esq.

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel 6

Practice and Procedure: Settlement negotiations are the focus of this module, which will concentrate on topics such as carve-out programs, arbitration, mediation, settlement procedures and Petitions to Reopen. Post-trial remedies such as reconsideration, removal and writs will also be addressed.

Speakers: WCJ Chris Willmon
Steve Siemers, Esq. (Retired WCJ)

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Panel 7

Ethics: The Focus of this session will be the Code of Professional Conduct and all other aspects of professional responsibility in a workers' compensation context.

Speakers: WCJ Kearse McGill

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Panel 8

Litigation: All aspects of workers' compensation litigation will be reviewed including discovery, pre-trial and trial procedures, developing the record, settlement documents (C&R and Stipulations), expert and lay witnesses, appropriate evidence, and the "right of privacy."

Speakers: WCJ Cindy Quiel
WCJ Dora Padilla

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Panel 9

Penalties: This module will include an overview of penalties, sanctions, serious and willful violations by employer, and 132a discrimination claims.

Speakers: WCJ Paige S. Levy
WCJ Lilla Rados

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel 10

Tips on How to Take the Certification Exam: Former members of the Workers' Compensation Specialization Committee will address key issues for taking the exam, such as what to expect, how to prepare, and how to increase your chance of passing.

Speakers: Bob Zeidner, Esq. – Speaking in Concord
Bill Herreras, Esq. – Speaking in Los Angeles

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Audio CDs of the program will be available with a complete set of written materials from Versa-Tape. To order, please call 1-800-468-2737.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotels. Please be sure to mention The State Bar Workers' Compensation Section.

Marriott Marina del Rey

Rate: \$199 single or double
1-800-228-9290

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Rate: \$84 single or double
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